

REMARKS

Claims 50-52, 58-60, 62, and 63 are all the claims pending in the application.

As preliminary matters, the Examiner's acknowledgement of the claim to foreign priority, and confirmation that the certified copy of the priority document has been received for Application No. 09/437,246 is gratefully noted, and also the Examiner's initialing of the references listed on Form PTO/SB/08 A & B submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 16, 2004.

Turning to the merits of this Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 50, 51, 58-60, 62, and 63 under judicially created obviousness-type double patenting rejection as being unpatentable over claims 8, 22, 24, 27-36, 38, and 40-43 of U.S. Patent No. 6,786,581 to Shinada et al. In addition, the Examiner objected to claim 52 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant files herewith a terminal disclaimer, thereby overcoming the rejection.

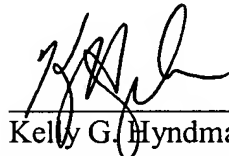
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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